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"O that I were an angel, . . . that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, . . . and cry repentance unto every people!" (ALMA 29: 1).

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NINETY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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THE Tabernacle was filled to overflowing when President Heber J. Grant called to order the fifth session of general conference, Sunday morning, October 5th. With Director A. C. Lund conducting and Professor J. J. McClellan at the organ, the choir and congregation sang, "Praise to the Man Who Communed with Jehovah." President Joseph R. Shepherd of the Logan temple offered the invocation. Sisters Mary Ellsworth and Mary Lindsay, accompanied by the choir, sang, "An Angel from on High."

In announcing this hymn, President Grant called attention to the fact that the author, Parley P. Pratt, had written more Church songs than had any other individual. The last verse of the song, referring to the re-establishment of Jerusalem, is a prophecy, the fulfillment of which began when the British armies entered that city during the World War, he said.

President A. W. Ivins, the first speaker, discussed the path marked out by the Lord from the beginning to guide men and nations back to His presence, drawing an analogy between this road and the men-made roads that now cover the world.

Less than a hundred years ago, said President Ivins, parties en route to the Pacific ocean, because they did not know the way, perished for lack of water which was near by.

Despite the fact that experience has proved the necessity of roads that men may now follow to any destination, there has always been a disinclination to follow the path marked out by the Lord and always disaster has resulted, the speaker said.

President Ivins traced the rise and fall of ancient nations. He read from the Book of Mormon of the manner in which the way was pointed out to the brother of Jared and how for a time the

Jaredites flourished on the American continent, following their introduction to this choice land after being led from the tower of Babel. He pointed out that the time came when they refused to follow the road and that their destruction came soon thereafter. The same cycle followed the Nephites, guided to America about six thousand years before Christ's birth, he declared.

"Again, a thousand years, and we see Columbus sailing for this land," he said, "and there came about the colonization of America by the English, the French and the Dutch, bringing a union of blood that has formed a new race of Americans."

President Ivins made a plea for better citizenship and better ideals in government. "All the desire and hope for the perpetuity of our government, all that we have, the welfare of the Church, the welfare of the individual depends on the civic process of our government," he said.

The speaker referred to some of the failures of public servants, to the fact that the nation is forgetting to pray and even, in many places, forbids prayer in schools, and expressed the belief that the time has come to stop and take stock—to examine the signboards, to question those who have traveled life's path and know its pitfalls, in an effort to determine if citizens are still on the road pointed out by God.

"I have examined the roads that led through Babylon and Nineveh, Tyre and Sidon and Thebes and Memphis," said President Ivins, "and have beheld as plain as if carved in the rocks: lack of faith in a living God, selfishness, personal ambition, love of power and dominion, indifference to the honor of men and the virtue of women."

All these roads lead not back to God but to death, he declared. He urged a return to the old way, the old virtues and bore witness that this way has again been pointed out and has been preached by the Latter-day Saints for nearly a hundred years.

Bishop C. W. Nibley discussed the financial matters and expenditures that are contributing to the uplifting of the Church throughout the world. He spoke especially of the work of the Church in promoting the growth of Utah. Expressing approval of the work of the Chamber of Commerce in advertising Salt Lake City, he called attention to the money spent by the Church to maintain the beautiful Tabernacle grounds, to give organ recitals and to send missionaries to all parts of the world.

President Grant in announcing the hymn, "School Thy Feelings," said that President Charles W. Penrose, the author, was confined to his home, but was nevertheless enjoying the conference and hearing every word by means of a radio apparatus in his room.

Elder Joseph Fielding Smith said that the Gospel is new because the truth is always new and because it has been revealed anew. Truth, however, is everlasting, he said; it has been the same from the beginning and will remain unchanged to eternity.

With this thought in mind, he defined the position of the Latter-day Saints on the religious controversy over fundamentalism and modernism.

There is a tendency in politics for a division between conservatives and progressives and in religion there is a parallel tendency; the same in education and in business, where many are departing from the old conservative ideals, he said. The Church, however, is guided by modern revelation, and will be able to keep to the proper course, he affirmed.

There is no place in the Church, said Elder Smith, for the man who does not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He atoned for the sins of the world with His blood, that He rose from the grave, that His mission is to redeem and restore and that He gave the opportunity for men to come back into God's presence.

Elder Smith proceeded to define the fundamental principles of the Gospel and to bear testimony to them as well as to the conviction that it is in the power of every member of the Church to know for himself, through repentance and prayer, of the truth.

Sister Jessie Williams, accompanied by the choir, sang, "The Almighty."

The benediction was pronounced by President George A. Little of Oquirrh stake.

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PRESIDENT GRANT'S CONFERENCE MESSAGE.

(Concluded from page 743.)

I desire to read part of the wonderful revelation given to the Prophet Joseph in Liberty jail. Remember, though he was chained in that prison, the Lord Almighty could and did speak to him, and gave to him a revelation that I commend here to-day to every Latter-day Saint. I particularly commend it to every man presiding in the stakes and wards of Zion, and in the various missions throughout the world. If we exercise the power of the Priesthood of the living God as He tells us in this wonderful revelation to exercise it, then there never can be and there never will be any just complaint made against the Church of Jesus Christ, because of the use of the Priesthood that has been restored again to the earth. It is when men do not follow the teachings and the revelations given of God to us through His prophet that mistakes are made. This revelation declares that by incarcerating the Prophet Joseph, men could not rob him of the inspiration of the living God, which revealed to him these wonderful words in that prison. Starting with verse thirty-three, I read:

"How long can rolling waters remain impure? What power shall stay the heavens? As well might man stretch forth his puny arm to

stop the Missouri river in its decreed course, or to turn it up stream, as to hinder the Almighty from pouring down knowledge from heaven upon the heads of the Latter-day Saints.

"Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

"Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honors of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—

"That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven can not be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.

"That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the priesthood or the authority of that man.

"Behold, ere he is aware, he is left unto himself, to kick against the pricks, to persecute the saints, and to fight against God.

"We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

"Hence many are called, but few are chosen.

"No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

"By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile—

"Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy;

"That he may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death.

"Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

"The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever."

I feel that I can not close my remarks with anything better than this wonderful revelation given to the Prophet of the living God.

I pray God's blessings to be upon the Latter-day Saints all over the world. I pray for those who stand as the general authorities of the Church. I pray for those who preside in the stakes and the wards and the branches, and in all parts of the Church, from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south, and for those who preside and labor in the various missions all over the wide

world. I pray for the people of the world; not only for the Latter-day Saints, but I pray God's blessings upon every loyal, patriotic man and woman that is endeavoring to do right, and to uphold the laws of the countries where they reside. I pray God's blessings upon the President of these United States of America. I thank God for the loyalty and the patriotism of the Latter-day Saints. I thank God that we believe that the Constitution of our country was given to us under the inspiration of the living God, and that the Lord supported George Washington and the patriotic fathers of this country. I pray that God will inspire us to continue loyal and true to Him, to our country and to its institutions; and that we may in very deed preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by our acts; that as we grow in years and increase in understanding, we may grow in the power and ability to live the Gospel, that our example of integrity, of honesty, of loyalty to God and country may inspire others to investigate the message of life and salvation.

Before sitting down, I bear my testimony to you and to all the world that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world, the Savior of mankind, the Creator of heaven and earth; that Joseph Smith was His prophet, the instrument in His hands of establishing again the Gospel of life and salvation. That we who have that knowledge may live the Gospel is my prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS MEETING.

A SPECIAL meeting of the conference presidents of the British mission was held at London, the 8th inst., with President David O. McKay, President James E. Talmage, Sister Emma Ray McKay and Sister May Booth Talmage in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 10 a.m., President David O. McKay presiding and conducting. The opening song was, "O Say, What is Truth?" Prayer was offered by Elder John Walsh. The congregation sang, "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel."

President McKay gave a few introductory remarks, expressing his pleasure at being present and stating that the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint President Talmage with the conditions in the mission, to give him an opportunity to partake of the spirit of the conference presidents, and an opportunity to offer such instructions and admonitions as he felt impressed to give.

Each president was asked to report the conditions in the conference over which he presides, emphasizing the greatest needs of the mission and the prospects for the future.

President Joseph E. Tillotson of the Birmingham conference reported a general increase in attendance, and a spirit of advancement and progress manifest throughout.

President Don Clyde of the Bristol conference stated that conditions are improving. He said that the former handicap of not having halls in which to meet has been overcome in two instances. He emphasized the value of systematically distributing tracts as an aid for young Elders to gain confidence.

President Wallace R. Budge of the Scottish conference reported the success of open air meetings. He said the people in Scotland are opening their hearts to the truth.

President Benjamin R. Birchall of the Free State conference reported that a spirit of harmony and good will was prevalent. He gave an interesting account of his conversion to the Gospel.

President William A. Monson of the Newcastle conference reported a general improvement throughout the conference and said that conditions were never better for furthering the Gospel.

President Ronald D. McGregor of the Manchester conference gave several suggestions for the improvement of conditions generally throughout the mission. He said the Manchester conference shows a gradual improvement.

President Russell C. Capener of the Ulster conference said that owing to his not having labored yet in the conference, he could not report the conditions there. He expressed willingness to serve.

President James D. Moyle of the Norwich conference reported that conference as being in a healthy condition. He said that interest in the Gospel is growing throughout the conference.

Elder Selvoy J. Boyer, until recently president of the Nottingham conference, bore a strong testimony of the power of "Mormonism" to build character.

President Carl E. Pettersson of the Nottingham conference reported the success of the Nottingham Elders in breaking down prejudice.

President Sidney J. Nebeker, recently appointed president of the Liverpool conference, expressed his attitude towards his new calling and said his aim is to put his whole heart into the work.

Elder John Walsh, formerly president of the Liverpool conference, said that he felt progress is being made and that future improvement is certain.

The congregation sang, "Lead Kindly Light." Elder A. Lewis Elggren pronounced the benediction.

The conference reconvened at 2 p.m., by the congregation's singing, "Ye Who are Called to Labor." Prayer was offered by Elder Deveril B. Stewart.

President Lewis F. Hansen, now of the Welsh conference, reported his labors in the Liverpool conference and expressed a desire to succeed in his new field of activity.

President Kenneth A. Brady of the Hull conference read an excellent and commendable paper on "Avenues of Service for Saints." He said the future of the Hull conference looks bright.

President Olonzo D. Merrill of the Sheffield conference said he

feels highly pleased with the conditions in the conference. Harmony and good will exist throughout, he reported.

President John E. Wahlquist of the Leeds conference reported a steady increase in all activities. Cottage meetings, he said, are attracting a large number of people.

President Emerson C. Willey of the London conference reported great success attending open air meetings. He stated that harmony prevails in all the branches.

All the presidents paid tribute to the work of President and Sister McKay and expressed appreciation for the privilege of laboring under their direction. The presidents welcomed President and Sister Talmage and assured them of whole-hearted and united support.

The congregation sang, "O My Father."

Sister May Booth Talmage expressed her appreciation of the welcome extended to President Talmage and herself. She spoke of the rejuvenating power of missionary service and said that "Mormonism" is broad enough to include all truth.

Sister Emma Ray McKay thanked all present for their cooperation with her in Relief Society work and asked the presidents to continue to help the sisters and to support Sister Talmage. She prayed the Lord to bless all activities for the cause of truth.

President McKay introduced Elder James E. Talmage as the new president of the missions in Europe.

President Talmage expressed his pleasure at meeting the conference presidents and extolled the work of his predecessor. He asked the Elders to realize their high and holy calling as ambassadors of God, divinely chosen, and urged upon them the necessity of prayer and humility. President Talmage commented on the needs of the mission, particularly the need for more missionaries. "Every Member a Missionary" was given as the ideal slogan of the mission. He urged the Elders to teach the members to know their responsibilities as recipients of the Gospel.

President McKay expressed his regret at leaving the mission and thanked all present for their loyal and sincere support to him. He encouraged the Elders in the work and expressed the hope that the wall of prejudice would soon be broken. He extolled character as something to be sought after and urged all to strive for the Christ-like character. President McKay paid warm tribute to the work of the Elders in the British mission, stating that their achievements in the face of severe prejudice are most commendable. He praised the character of President Talmage in the highest terms, naming him as one whose life is dedicated to the Gospel of Christ. President McKay said he feels that the future of the British mission is full of promise.

The congregation sang, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning." Elder Joseph F. Smith pronounced the benediction.

JOHN E. WAHLQUIST, Clerk of Conference.

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DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

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EDITORIAL:

NEWSPAPERS AND "NEWS."

DURING the last four weeks, the Press in England has given liberally of its space to the advertising of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, albeit too commonly in unfriendly tone. Newspapers of the higher class, however, have been generally conservative and well-intentioned in their references to the Church and its missionary activities.

For the publicity thus accorded us we have reason to be appreciative; for in the light of experience we see good results assured, even from the lurid and wholly fictitious stories of "Mormonism" denounced and maligned. Thoughtful readers are able to recognize glaring inconsistencies, as, for example, such as appear in many of the wickedly written articles now current, wherein the Latter-day Saints are described as a people of thrift, education, culture and high achievement, but with motives and ideals of the most degrading type. The wonder is that anyone who is able to read can give even passing credence to such contradictory statements.

In this day of wide and common travel, when, to have girdled the globe gives one no rare distinction, English men and women in great numbers have visited Utah and other Western States where the Latter-day Saints are permanently established. Such visitors have seen for themselves the sterling qualities of the people, and the exalting influences of their religion in daily life.

Surely there must come a time when the reading public shall see in all its ghastly frightfulness the wilful misrepresentation with which the unpopular people called "Mormons" have been pictured in journalistic columns of a certain class. True, there is a morbid craving for sensationalism; but what shall be said of reporter or penny-a-liner, author or editor, who deliberately panders to the perverted appetites of readers by his proficiency as a manufacturer and dispenser of malicious falsehood! When by his poisoned pen he villifies an upright, benevolent, virtuous, God-fearing people, and the Church they love and defend as that of the Lord Jesus Christ, he becomes a pitiable creature mired in the filth of self-degradation.

Can any such writer plead ignorance as justification or excuse? With the plenitude of fact and information afforded by present-

day facilities, ignorance may not be excusable; to one who professes to be a purveyor of knowledge to the public the plea is belittling and absurd.

A primary function of the newspaper is that of supplying news; hence the name of this class of literature. In the publicity given the Church as herein specified, an old, a very old story is proclaimed as news, and startling news at that. Missionary Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are at work in Great Britain! The release of one who has served long and honorably as President of the European Missions, with headquarters in England, coupled with the arrival of another to succeed him in that office, is made the subject of country-wide comment, as an invasion of these hospitable shores. The landing of half a dozen missionaries or fewer is heralded as a menace, and, by implication, as a new danger to be carefully watched and resolutely guarded against.

But what is there new about it, except as to the personnel of the workers? The first "Mormon" missionaries to enter England from America, four in number, landed in Liverpool in 1837—on July 20th to be exact. From that time to the present our missionaries have been coming and going; and many thousands of honest souls, receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, have been brought into the Church through the efforts of those devoted messengers of salvation. Thousands more shall yet hear and believe.

What is persistently spoken of by its misnomer, "Mormonism," is here for the good of mankind; its message is to-day what it always has been, the glad tidings of the restoration of the Gospel to earth following the long night of spiritual darkness. Its import is that of peace and good-will. It is offered without money or price. To every one who hears, it is new; and its proclamation is news of greatest worth; but the message itself is as old as the race. For over eighty-seven years that Gospel has been preached in this land, under the liberal provision for freedom of speech and liberty of conscience characteristic of British government and the institutions thereof.

JAMES E. TALMAGE.

MINUTES OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

THE London semi-annual conference convened at "Deseret" November 9th. There were in attendance: Presidents David O. McKay and James E. Talmage, Sisters Emma Ray McKay and May Booth Talmage, Conference Presidents Emerson C. Willey, London, Wallace R. Budge, Scotland, John E. Wahlquist, Leeds, O. David Merrill, Sheffield, Carl E. Pettersson, Nottingham, Kenneth A. Brady, Hull, Don Clyde, Bristol, Ronald D. McGregor,

Manchester, Russell C. Capener, Ulster, Joseph E. Tillotson, Birmingham, William A. Monson, Newcastle, James D. Moyle, Norwich, Lewis F. Hansen, Wales, Sidney J. Nebeker, Liverpool, and Benjamin R. Birchall and Sister Elizabeth A. Birchall, Irish Free State, all the traveling Elders of the London conference and Elders Selvoy J. Boyer, Norwich, Albert G. Stanger, Sheffield, Richard M. Burgoyne, Manchester and Vernon G. Robinson, Newcastle. President McKay presided over and President Willey conducted the various sessions.

After the organ prelude by Sister Celia Barnes, the Sunday-school session commenced at 11 a.m., by the congregation's singing, "When the Rosy Light of Morning." Prayer was offered by President Joseph E. Tillotson. The sacrament gem was repeated. The sacrament was administered by Brothers H. G. Dodman and Harry Tozer. Brother Audre Anastasiou led the congregation in repeating the concert recitation.

The students of the Sunday-school rendered a program on the theme, "The 'Mormons' as Pioneers in All Noble Endeavors." The Key was given by Brother Ralph Gabey. The "Mormons" were portrayed as frontiersmen by William J. Jolliffe, Kitty Hanson, William Chipping and Elsie Osborn; as leaders in education by Alice Wellard, Violet Attwood, Elsie Spring and Stella Sartain; as religous leaders by Lea Shindler, Charles Whitelock, Cissie Mason and James Hill. Appropriate music was rendered by the children of the North London branch.

Sister Bessie Shindler rendered a vocal selection, "Cast Thy Burden."

Sister May Booth Talmage paid compliment to the excellent manner in which the program had been given and spoke of the important work the Sunday-schools are doing in circulating the Gospel truths in the hearts of the children.

Sister Emma Ray McKay spoke of the wonderful things that can develop by giving attention to small efforts. She used as an illustration the results of the first prayer offered by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Sister McKay related a story teaching the lesson of obedience. The best way to obey Jesus is to obey one's parents, she said.

President Talmage mentioned the system by which the Church is governed and called attention specifically to the universal manner of conducting the Sunday-schools. In closing, he offered a prayer for the success of the mission.

The congregation sang, "Dearest Children, God Is Near You." The benediction was pronounced by President Carl E. Pettersson.

The afternoon session commenced at 2:30, by the congregation's singing, "O Say, What is Truth?" Prayer was offered by Brother James E. Bradley. The North London choir, under the direction of Sister Thelma Tuson sang, "High on the Mountain Top."

The general authorities, the mission and the conference officers were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder J. Norman Dotson, the first speaker, told of his desire to serve the Lord by paying his tithing and giving of his time to the Church.

Elder Gordon L. Weggeland stated that modern civilization has benefited more by the teachings of Christ than by the teachings from all other sources combined.

Brother Andre Anastasiou rendered a vocal solo, "Paul's Conversion."

Elder A. Lewis Elggren emphasized the duty of the Saints to build on the foundations which their forefathers have laid for them.

President O. David Merrill stated that his greatest satisfaction is not that Christ did live, but that He does live to-day and continually has dealings with His Church upon this earth.

Elder Frederick Langton urged his hearers to gather genealogical records. He exhorted everyone to be faithful, stating that faithfulness will naturally follow the doing of God's will.

Elder W. Scott Day emphasized that the accomplishments of the leaders of the Church are results of great humility and prayerfulness.

Elder Ernest H. Capel spoke of how the world has been deceived in thinking that the Armistice brought peace. The only way that peace can come is by living the Gospel, he declared.

President McKay chose as his text the third chapter of James and discussed the evil that comes from an unruly tongue. The greatest crime is murder, for he who commits murder takes that which he is unable to restore, the second greatest is the crime of adultery and the third is the lie, said President McKay. Religion becomes vain, he said, when a person's tongue becomes fired with lies. President McKay admonished parents to heed the teachings of Jesus as an example to the young. In conclusion, he bore a strong testimony of the divinity of the Gospel.

Sister Helen Mason sang, "Teach Me To Pray."

The closing song was, "How Firm a Foundation." The benediction was pronounced by Brother Samuel Hislop.

Following the afternoon session, an officers and teachers meeting convened. The problems of the different organizations and branches were discussed. President McKay offered suggestions for remedying the difficulties.

The evening session commenced at 6:30 by the congregation's singing, "For the Strength of the Hills." Prayer was offered by Brother Nathan Lee. The North London choir sang, "Awake, Ye Saints of God, Awake!"

Elder Wallace A. Galbraith paid tribute to Brigham Young's ability as a colonizer, and showed that this ability was due to the influence of the Spirit of God.

Elder Walter H. Allington, Jr., bore his testimony of the Gospel, and said he finds satisfaction in knowing that the revelation given to John has been fulfilled in Moroni's appearance.

Elder Joseph M. Skeen spoke on the evils brought about by temptation. He urged his hearers to repent before they have succumbed to the dangerous influences that are everywhere present.

Elder Gordon L. Weggeland rendered a violin solo.

Elder Vernon G. Robinson expressed his love for the Gospel, and remarked that he hopes he will always be found in harmony with the laws of Jesus Christ.

President James E. Talmage advocated that a "thought club" be formed. The collecting of insects, stones, etc., is hampered by the seasons, but the collecting of thoughts can go on forever, he said. President Talmage bore testimony of the truthfulness of "Mormonism." He related the parable of the ten foolish virgins, and concluded by urging every member in the Church to perform missionary work.

Sister Thelma Tuson sang, "Promise of Life."

President McKay admonished the Saints to strive for the Christ-like character. This, he remarked, can best be done by constantly keeping in mind the value of giving service. President McKay used the text: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." President McKay bade farewell to the Saints, assuring them that his release means but a transfer to a different field of labor.

The Relief Society Sisters presented to both Sister McKay and Sister Talmage a beautiful bouquet. In response, Sister McKay stated that she had been very happy in her work with the Relief Society, and urged the members to continue the progress.

Sister Talmage expressed her feelings of indebtedness for the token and offered her prayer for the continued assistance of the members in pushing forward with the Relief Society work.

President Emerson C. Willey, the concluding speaker, drew the attention of the audience to the term, "Saints," stating that it means sanctification. "We have the Church for the perfecting of the Saints. Let us use it to the fullest extent," he concluded.

The congregation sang, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning." The benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

DEVERIL B. STEWART, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Branch Reorganization.—The Edinburgh branch (Scottish conference) was reorganized the 9th inst. Elder La Moin H. Wiser was sustained as branch president to succeed Elder Clyde R. Service who has been transferred to Glasgow.

Transfers of Traveling Elders.—The following transfers of traveling Elders have been made:

Junius S. Romney, the Newcastle to the Liverpool conference.

George O. Gee, the Norwich to the Nottingham conference.

Departures.—The following missionaries, honorably released from their labors in the European missions sailed for their homes, Saturday, the 22nd inst., per s.s. *Montclare*: John A. Orme, the Swiss and German mission, and Reed D. Shupe and Harvey C. Woodbury, the French mission.

Releases.—The following missionaries have been honorably released from their labors in the British mission:

G. Kimball Mellor, the Sheffield conference.

George G. Campbell, the Scottish conference.

W. Scott Day, the Newcastle and the London conference.

Ruder C. Atkins, the Leeds and the Nottingham conference..

Baptisms.—A baptismal service was held at Belfast (Ulster conference) the 8th inst. Two candidates were baptized by Elder George A. Baker and confirmed by President Marcellus R. Clark and Elder Kenneth R. Curtis.

A baptismal service was held at Manchester the 8th inst. One candidate was baptized by Elder William W. Depew, Jr. Confirmation was by Elder Charles A. Halverson.

Branch Conferences.—The semi-annual conference of the Pudsey branch (Leeds conference) convened the 9th inst., with Elder John H. Tanner presiding and Elder Floyd C. Stuart conducting. In the morning session an interesting program was rendered on the theme, "The Thirteenth Article of Faith." The speakers of the day were Elders Floyd C. Stuart, Don J. Thurgood, John H. Tanner and David W. Eardley.

The Wigan branch (Liverpool conference) held a successful conference, the 9th inst. The various sessions were conducted under the direction of Elder Howard Cook. The speakers were Elders Howard Cook, Rulon W. Openshaw, John H. Holden and James M. Armstrong.

The semi-annual conference of the Edinburgh branch (Scottish conference) was held the 9th inst., with Elder Floyd A. Bailey presiding. Sister Ellen Smith conducted the Sunday-school session. The pupils rendered a program on the theme, "The Restoration." Elder Clyde R. Service conducted the evening session. Sister Dolly Houston rendered a vocal solo. The speakers of the day were Elders Floyd A. Bailey, Clyde R. Service, M. Edward Williams and La Moin H. Wiser.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—A meeting of the traveling Elders

of the Sheffield conference was held at Sheffield the 1st inst. President Willard Boden requested the Elders to report freely and openly their feelings with respect to their labors, and also any difficulties which had arisen in their respective branches. Conditions in general were gratifying. By comparison with previous months, President Boden showed several ways in which the conference might be improved.

The traveling Elders of the Scottish conference met in Priesthood meeting the 5th inst., with President Wallace R. Budge presiding. The Elders reported on their work. Elder George G. Campbell gave an inspiring talk, relating a few of the experiences he has passed through since he became a member of the Church.

The monthly Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the Manchester conference was held the 8th inst. Reports were given of the respective branches. President Christopher C. Heaton gave instructions for the ensuing month. Elder Charles A. Halverson gave a lecture on "The Divinity of the Book of Mormon." Mme. Clark and her pupils presented an enjoyable program.

A meeting of the traveling Elders of the Leeds conference was held at Pudsey, the 15th inst. President John E. Wahlquist presided. Pressing problems confronting the work in the conference were discussed.

Socials.—The Blackburn branch (Liverpool conference) held a social at the home of Brother James Shorrock, the 29th ult. A program was rendered, after which games were played and refreshments were served. A large number of Saints and friends were present. President Ernest K. Freckleton and Elders Howard Cook and Arthur L. Fuller were in attendance.

On Friday evening, the 31st ult., the Belfast branch (Ulster conference) held a Halloween party. The time was enjoyably spent in the rendition of a program and in playing games. Refreshments were served. President Marcellus R. Clark and Elders Kenneth R. Curtis and George A. Baker were in attendance.

A social was held at Hull, October 22nd, in honor of Sister Eileen Pickering who is emigrating to America. A short program was rendered and games were played.

A delightful social was held at Kidderminster (Birmingham conference) the 30th ult. After an interesting program, games were played and refreshments were served. Many Saints and friends were present. Elders John H. Smeath and Morgan Hawkes were in attendance.

A farewell social was given by the Aberdeen Relief Society (Scottish conference) the 5th inst., in honor of Elder La Moin H. Wiser, who has been transferred to Edinburgh. Many Saints and friends were present. The members of the branch presented Elder Wiser with a token of remembrance.

An interesting social was held at the home of Sister Ellen Dixon, at Sparkbrook (Birmingham conference), the 5th inst. Games were played and refreshments were served. There were in attendance many Saints and friends and Elders Dan A. Hickman and David H. Newman.

The Shildon branch (Newcastle conference) held a successful tea and social the 5th inst. Games and a program comprised the evening's entertainment. There were in attendance Elders Vernon G. Robinson, James L. Wheat and Milton England.

Wednesday, the 5th inst., the Wigan branch (Liverpool conference) held a birthday surprise social for Elder Rulon W. Openshaw. Luncheon was served and games were played. The members of the branch presented Elder Openshaw with a set of military hair brushes.

The Mutual of the Birkenhead branch (Liverpool conference) held a program the 6th inst., in honor of President Lewis F. Hansen, who has been transferred to preside over the Welsh conference. The program consisted of songs, readings and two comic sketches.

A farewell social was given in honor of President Ernest K. Freckleton at Blackburn (Liverpool conference) the 6th inst. Many friends and Saints united to show their appreciation of the good work done by President Freckleton in the conference, and to wish him a safe voyage to his home. The Saints presented President Freckleton with a leather loose-leaf note book as a token of esteem and appreciation.

A farewell social was held at Cardiff (Welsh conference) the 7th inst., in honor of President John W. Crofts and Elder Ralph C. Jones who have been transferred to the Nottingham and the London conference respectively. A well-prepared program, together with an orchestra provided by the local American Consular officials contributed to the complete success of the evening's entertainment. President Crofts and Elder Jones each received a beautiful token from the Elders, Saints and friends in appreciation of the service they had rendered in the Welsh conference. Delicious refreshments were served by the sisters and friends.

A successful social was held by the Edinburgh branch (Scottish conference) the 8th inst. A program consisting of musical numbers was rendered and refreshments were served. Elders Clyde R. Service, M. Edward Williams, La Moin H. Wiser and Floyd A. Bailey were in attendance.

The Sunday-school of the Halifax branch (Leeds conference) held a successful concert and social the 8th inst. A program consisting of a sketch and many delightful songs and recitations was rendered and refreshments were served. There were in attendance several of the traveling Elders of the conference and a large number of Saints and friends.

Saturday, the 8th inst., a farewell social was held in Sheffield

in honor of President Willard Boden who has been honorably released to return home. During the evening, many tributes were paid to the character and labors of President Boden. Tokens of remembrance were presented by Brother James R. Bargh on behalf of the Sheffield Saints and friends and by Brother Samuel Gratton on behalf of the Woodhouse Saints. On Sunday, the 9th inst., the Beehive girls of the Sheffield branch presented President Boden with a token of love and respect.

A party was given for the children of the Glasgow branch (Scottish conference) the 8th inst., at the home of Brother Daniel McNair. Games were played. All present enjoyed a good time.

A farewell social was held at Belfast, the 10th inst., in honor of President Marcellus R. Clark and Elder Kenneth R. Curtis who have been transferred to the Birmingham conference. An interesting program was rendered and refreshments were served. The Elders, Saints and friends of the conference presented President Clark and Elder Curtis with tokens of appreciation and remembrance.

A farewell social was held at Manchester the 11th inst., in honor of President Christopher C. Heaton, who has been honorably released to return home and Elder Russell C. Capener who has been transferred to the Ulster conference. Refreshments were served and a good program was rendered. The departing Elders were each presented with a token of appreciation and love.

Wednesday, the 12th inst., the Leeds branch held a farewell social in honor of Sister Clara Andrews and daughter Olive who are emigrating to America.

DEATH.

Biggs.—The sad and untimely death of Harold, the beloved son of Brother George Biggs occurred at Varteg (Welsh conference) November 1st. Deceased, aged three, was a faithful Sunday-school pupil. Funeral services were conducted, November 6th, by President John W. Crofts. Elder Ralph C. Jones dedicated the grave.

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